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## Voter Information Pamphlet is in the Mail - "Read All About It!"

The Voter Information Pamphlet for the November 6, 2001 Consolidated General Election is back from the printer and is on its way to the Post Office. To process the 450,000 Voter Information Pamphlets through the mail will take until mid October. This year the pamphlet is a manageable 128 pages, compared to last November's record 300-plus pages.

The pamphlet weighs .416 pounds and the postal charge for mailing will be approximately 20 cents per pamphlet.

The Pamphlet contains information on two Bond Measures (Propositions A & B), six Charter Amendments (Propositions C, D, E, F, G & H), as well as the Proposed San Francisco-Brisbane Municipal Utility District (Measure I).

In addition to an analysis page for each Proposition, there are Arguments for and against as well as rebuttals, legal text for each Proposition, and about 125 Paid Arguments that were submitted.

The unique nature of the cross-county proposed San Francisco-Brisbane Municipal Utility District Election (Measure I), and the Bond Measure (Proposition A) submitted by the San Francisco Community College District, do not allow for paid arguments. They have different procedures for material placed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

Information on your polling place location is printed on the back cover of the Pamphlet as well as a Vote by Mail application. The Department of Elections must receive vote by Mail applications no later than 5 pm on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please look for your Voter Information Pamphlet in the mail around mid October. A web version of the Voter Information Pamphlet and a vote by mail application is also available on The Department's website at [www.sfgov/elections](http://www.sfgov/elections). ♦

## Secretary of State Releases New Lines

The new California State lines are approved and have been released by the Secretary of State. The San Francisco Department of Elections has received the finalized maps. We are currently examining the new assembly and congressional district lines and assessing the precinct changes necessary to conform to the recently released lines.

These changes will alter approximately 60 precincts and go into effect for the March 2002 Primary Election.

The new district information is being integrated into the Elections Database to allow for the checking of the Signatures in Lieu by mid October.

These new district maps will be available at our office or you may look them up on the web at [www.sen.ca.gov](http://www.sen.ca.gov) or [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov). ♦

## Logic and Accuracy Testing Open to Public

On October 1, 2001, The San Francisco Department of Elections will begin Logic and Accuracy testing in preparation for the November 6, 2001 Consolidated Municipal Elections.

Logic and Accuracy testing consists of a set of procedures and processes necessary to ensure that the vote tally programs and hardware correctly interpret, summarize and report voter marks for a specific election.

The computer room will be opened for public viewing when the test is conducted for the IV-C machines on October 1st, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 2000-2001. ♦

## DOE Reaches out to Corporate and Community Organizations

The Department of Elections has created a Corporate and Community Outreach initiative to develop private sector participation in upcoming elections.

Patrick Dowd, Elections Services Coordinator, and the election support services teams are contacting business and community organizations to enlist Poll Workers.

The goal is to encourage organizations to assemble teams of Poll Workers who will collectively donate their Election Day wages to a charity of their choice.

In support of this initiative the San

Francisco Chamber of Commerce weekly publication, "Monday Report," is asking businesses to encourage employees to serve as Poll Workers. It highlights the team/task force approach as a means to donate Poll Worker wages to the charity of their choice. Potential poll workers are e-mailing us about our posting on the Chamber of Commerce's web site [www.sfcchamber.com](http://www.sfcchamber.com)

Sun Microsystems, Bank of America and Synergy Business Solutions are identifying point people in their firms to head task forces. "VolunteerMatch," a service oriented website is supporting our effort in getting the word out. The Department of Elections anticipates that [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org), will facilitate communicating to individuals interested in participating in upcoming elections. Also, the Union Square Association is reaching out to potential Poll Workers through a notice in their recent "Association Bulletin."

Election Services staff is reconnecting with over five hundred community organizations and churches that have already received the "Poll Worker Recruiting Packet," suggesting this alternative fundraising method, to enhance their involvement in these important upcoming elections. ♦

## Absentee Voting - Often A Preferred Choice

All voters who wish to cast an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2001 Consolidated Municipal Election must fill out and mail the application on back of the Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP). *The application must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday October 30, 2001.* Permanent absentee ballots will be mailed to voters on October 9, 2001. Voters, who wish to pick up absentee ballots in person or by writing City Hall directly, should contact the Department of Elections at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett

## Campaign Services: Two Steps Ahead of the Game

*While the rest of the Department of Election is putting the final touches on preparations for the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Consolidated Municipal Election, the Campaign Services Division will already be busy preparing for the March 2002 Consolidated Primary Election.*

*November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the day before the November 2001 election, is the deadline day for filing initiative petitions for the March 2002 ballot.*

*November 7<sup>th</sup>, a day when other Elections workers will be recovering from Election Day, canvassing ballots and rosters, and preparing to pay poll workers and polling place owners, the Declaration of Intention filing period for the local legislative offices of Assessor and Public Defender will close. This promises lots of activity at the front counter!*

*On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the day of the anticipated run-off election, the task of putting together the March Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) will be coming to an end. While most of the Elections Department will be busy conducting an election, the Ballot Simplification Committee will hold its last meeting to finalize wording for the March Voter Information Pamphlet. That Election Day will also be the statutory last day for the City Attorney to submit ballot questions, and the Controller to submit statements of economic impact.*

*Preparations for the 2002 March Primary election will take place in the middle of election season. As always, Campaign Services remains two steps ahead of the game. ♦*

Place, Rm 48, SF, CA 94102-6-4634.  
Fax (415) 554-4372. **Note:** ALL voter's written requests must include the voter's full name, residential address, mailing address (where the absentee ballot can be sent to), voter's signature, and birth date. Voter must remember to sign the return absentee envelope and remove stubs on the ballots. *Return postage for the November 6, 2001 election absentee ballot is 80 cents.* ♦

## Patriotism Popular with High School Students

The Department of Elections is proud to announce its continuation of the City's "High School Elections Program." In a concerted effort with teachers, administrators, and parents, the Department of Elections has placed great importance on motivating our youth. These involved young citizens are San Francisco's investment in the city's future electoral process.

Derk Pippin, High School Elections Coordinator, has visited each San Francisco High School, dropping off posters, recruiting materials and speaking with directors and principals of the city's secondary educational network.

Since 1997, the Department of Elections High School Volunteer Program has been tremendously effective at helping vibrant young members of our community participate in the electoral process. Beginning at age 16, students in good academic standing are afforded an excellent opportunity to work the polls on Election Day (6:15 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.) and gain first-hand experience with local government.

Last election, the program was a great success. Nearly one thousand students helped staff more than 600 polling stations spread throughout the city. The program was designed to address the

issues of young students entering into civic responsibilities and educating them on the electoral process. The experiences these young students encounter aid in their development into knowledgeable voters with a heightened interest in city politics. The direct benefits students receive, apart from the insight into the election process, are a wage of \$107.00 and community-service credit for the hours they spend at the polling site on Election Day.

*The Department of Elections thanks all the teachers, administrators, parents, and students that have been involved in making the "High School Volunteer Program" an overwhelming success year after year.* ♦

## SF Universities and Colleges Support Poll Worker Recruitment

Colleges and Universities in San Francisco are working with the Department of Elections to encourage students to be Poll Workers in the upcoming election. Career Placement and Student Activities offices at SF State University, Golden Gate University, and the University of San Francisco are assisting the Department in informing students of the opportunities and privileges of serving as Poll Workers.

September 24th kicks off the Department of Elections Poll Worker recruitment effort at SFSU. Recruiting tables will be located at strategic campus locations, in order to reach as many students as possible.

Voter Outreach sessions will be held at the City College of San Francisco, Ocean Avenue Campus, on Wednesday September 26 and Thursday October 4. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the importance of voting, the

mechanics of registration, and the procedures for voting on Election Day.

The enthusiasm and spirit that students bring to the polling stations on Election Day is invaluable. In addition to contributing to their community, they have an opportunity to witness the democratic process at its most basic level. ♦

## City Hall the Center of Election Day Logistics

In support of its Field Election Deputies (FEDs), the Department of Elections will organize its Election Center in City Hall's cafeteria for this November's Consolidated Municipal Election.

We plan on having more than 50 FEDs who will each be responsible for supporting approximately 15 polls. When poll workers have questions or need resources, they will contact their assigned FED. When the FEDs are faced with issues that they cannot handle, they can contact the permanent Department of Elections personnel situated in the Elections Center.

We will also stage tables, chairs, and auxiliary poll workers at sites in each of the 11 supervisorial districts. When contacted by a FED or the Elections Center, these "transfer" sites will dispatch the necessary items. After the polls close the transfer sites will switch roles and begin to receive the ballots and rosters from the precincts.

The Elections Center will perform two primary roles on Election Day. The first is to cooperate with the FEDs and transfer sites in assisting the City's polling sites. The second is to assess the development of the election, and to proactively adjust the Department's resources in response to identified trends. ♦

## DOE Actively Recruits SF Law Students

In light of the upcoming election the Department of Elections has two exciting projects developed for the students of San Francisco's law schools.

The first project focuses on recruiting San Francisco law students to work as poll workers on Election Day. Recruiting efforts are taking place at the following law schools:

- ❖ Golden Gate University School of Law
- ❖ New College of California School of Law
- ❖ San Francisco Law School
- ❖ University of California, Hastings College of the Law
- ❖ University of San Francisco School of Law

Historically Poll workers are one the most important resources during the election period. In order to maintain a consistent quality of Poll Workers, the Department of Elections has developed a program to involve San Francisco law students in the election process.

The intent of the program is to provide San Francisco law students the opportunity to acquire hands-on experience in the practical application of electoral laws. Employed as Poll Workers, law students will be trained and compensated through the existing Department of Elections systems.

The second law school project underway with the Department of Elections is the recruitment of volunteers from the same law schools listed above. These newly selected volunteers will serve as vice-Field Election Deputies during upcoming elections. The duties of the Vice-Field Election Deputies will be to travel and train under the guidance of Field

Election Deputies on Election Day as they supervise the election process at the various polling stations.

This new Vice-Field Election Deputies program is being initiated with Golden Gate University Law School. The scheduled training for Vice-Field Election Deputies is planned for:

- Saturday October 27, 2001
- 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- City Hall of San Francisco

All San Francisco law students are being invited to participate. ♦

## DOE Phone Bank Up and Ringing!

The Department of Elections Phone Bank is up and running for the November 6, 2001 Election. The goal of phone bank staff is to assist other departmental divisions by answering simple questions first. In addition to directing calls, phone bank staff help voters check on their registration, acquire absentee ballots, receive VIPs at the correct address and locate their polling places. Call 554-4375.

The Department welcomes back veteran staffers; Nancy Watson, Kamille Mason, and Danny Murphy who will each orienting new phone bank personnel.

Although the call load is expected to be less than that of the Presidential/District Election last November, there are important decisions to be decided on November 6. It is our mission to help voters make an informed choice. ♦

**Put Patriotism before Politics.  
Be a Poll Worker, Offer Your  
Property for Poll Location or  
Volunteer to Work at the  
Department of Elections  
And insure that every  
San Franciscan's Vote Count**

## Election Countdown

### Consolidated Municipal Election Calendar

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 pm - 12:00 midnight  
**MIDNIGHT MADNESS**  
Come out and register early! Join DOE staff on Grove Street between Van Ness and Polk.

**Through October 31**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**POLL WORKER REGISTRATION**  
Applications and registration forms available at City Hall, Department of Elections. Inspectors earn \$105 and Poll Workers earn \$82 for the day. Come by or call 554-4395.

**October 8 - November 6**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING**  
Early Absentee Voting Counter opens at City Hall, Department of Elections. Vote early! For more information call 554-4411.

**October 22**  
**LAST DAY TO REGISTER**  
Last day to register to vote in the November 6, 2001 Election. For more information call 554-4411

**November 6**  
7:00 am - 8pm  
**ELECTION DAY**  
Consolidated Municipal Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Your Vote Counts!

**November 26**  
Last day to register to vote in December 11<sup>th</sup> Potential Run-off

**December 11**  
7:00 am - 8pm  
**POTENTIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION**

### Consolidated Gubernatorial Primary Election Calendar

**September 28 - November 22, 2001**  
Obtain signatures of SF registered voters on a petition in-lieu of filing fee. Each signature reduces filing fee by \$0.25

**November 5, 2001**  
Last day to submit Ordinance, Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment initiative petitions.

**November 12 - December 7, 2001**  
26-day window to complete and submit completed nomination documents



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